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(Reference: p.48)

The Use of Hayah in the Passive Voice.

The verb הָיָה which to our way of thinking is an active verb, in Hebrew appears in the *Niphal* or Passive voice also. The following references illustrate how this usage is found, in every case the verb being in the *Niphal*.

Deut.4.32: "whether there *has been* (done) such a great thing..."
Jud. 19.30; "There *was* no such thing (done) nor seen..."
Jud.20.3: "How *was* there (done) this wickedness?"
I Sam. 25.6: "Peace *be* upon..."
I Ki. 1.27: "*Has* this thing been done by my lord the king?"
I Ki.12.24: "This thing from me *has been*", ie., has been done.
Neh. 6.8: "*There are* no such things (done) as thou sayest".
Prov.13.19: "The desire that *has been* (satisfied) is sweet to my soul".
Isa.5.5: "It *shall be* (given over) to being consumed".
Jer.48.19; "Ask him that fleeth and her that escapeth. and say, What *is* (done)?"

Ezek.21.12: "Cry and howl, son of man, for it *shall be* (done)
upon my people".
Ezek. 39.8: "Behold.... it *is* (done), saith the Lord."
Micah 2.4: "A doleful lament *has been* (made)".

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